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EVERY BROTHERHOOD MEMBER SHOULD KNOW AND USE

THE RULE OF PRAYER

The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

THE RULE OF SERVICE

The Rule of Service is to make *continuous* efforts, *week* by *week*, to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church.

THE BROTHERHOOD COLLECT

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle, St. Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(See inside back cover for Brotherhood Hymn)

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SERVICES FOR CHAPTER USE

SUGGESTIONS FOR OPENING DEVOTIONS OF A CHAPTER IN THE CHANCEL

It is suggested that opening and closing devotions be conducted in the chancel of church or chapel where convenient. The LEADER should be the director or a member appointed by him. Other members may well be asked to take part, each using a prayer assigned to him by the Leader in advance. The service should be planned as carefully as the rest of the meeting and changed from time to time. Choose prayers from the Prayerbook, from this book, or from other sources, or to fit special needs, composed by the rector or a chapter member.

The Brotherhood Hymn (*see inside back cover*) *or Church Hymnal No.'s* 540, 552, 560, 563 *or* 576.

The leader shall say (all standing):

Leader: Even as our Lord and Master Jesus Christ suffered death upon the cross that all who come after Him should have light, we here dedicate ourselves anew to the objective of the Brotherhood, the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men. We achieve this objective through power from God.

Members here repeat together the Rule of Prayer:

The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

Leader: To be worthy of this power we must share it with others.

Members here repeat together the Rule of Service:

The Rule of Service is to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week*, to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church.

Leader: Do we recognize our obligation faithfully to keep our two-fold rule of daily prayer and weekly service for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men?

And every member shall answer: "I do."

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Answer: From this time forth for evermore.

The Apostle's Creed (all together).

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit

Leader: Let us pray
(All kneeling)

All together: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OUR BROTHERHOOD PRAYER

All together: Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fufil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE SPREAD OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM AMONG MEN

Leader: Almighty and eternal Father, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to inspire and sustain the prayers and efforts of the members of our Brotherhood and to hallow their lives, and grant that men and boys everywhere may be brought into the Kingdom of thy Son, and may be led from

strength to strength until they attain unto the fullness of Eternal Life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR GUIDANCE

Leader: O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in this meeting and in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here to follow Bible Readings and the business of the Chapter:

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLOSING DEVOTIONS OF A CHAPTER

In addition to the following, the closing service should by all means include definite intercessions for the persons and projects discussed in the meeting such as (1) the persons on whom the members are working (they may be designated by name or initials), (2) a member with a special problem, (3) subjects assigned to committees for work or planning and (4) parish or diocesan projects coming up especially those in which the Brotherhood has a part, such as the confirmation class. If printed prayers are not available use extempore prayer. A good plan is for several or all the men present to take part audibly, each being given a subject.

The Leader shall say:

Let us pray

What we have now done we offer unto Thee, O Lord. Pardon all our unworthiness and the imperfections of our service, and make us more worthy laborers for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE BROTHERHOOD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Leader: O almighty and eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe thy blessing to this Brotherhood, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honor due to thy dear Son, the spread of His Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold; give us grace to fulfil in our lives what we profess with our lips; deliver us, O God, from false doctrines and slackness of living; and grant that, persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto thine apostles, Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Additional appropriate intercessions and thanksgivings; then, if Bishop or Priest is present he pronounces the Benediction, otherwise.

Leader: Go on your way in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak; help and cheer the sick, honor all men, love and serve the Lord and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

A SERVICE OF ADMISSION INTO THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Director (or Sponsor of the Chapter when the Director is not already a member) shall say: (All standing.)

Reverend Sir, I commend unto you these Candidates to be received as Members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Minister shall say to the candidate or candidates:

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an organization for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men by means of definite prayer and personal service.

The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

The Rule of Service is to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week*, to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church.

If this service is to be used for the admission of both Senior and Junior members at the same service, the Minister shall rehearse the Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service above for the Seniors and shall, for the Juniors rehearse the following:

The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

The Rule of Service is to take some part in the work, worship and study of the Church, and to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week*, to bring other boys to do the same.

Minister: Do you desire to become a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew?

Answer: I do.

Minister: Are you then persuaded that, according to the promise and vow made at your Baptism, you are pledged to service in the name of Jesus Christ until your life's end?

Answer: I am so persuaded.

Minister: Are you ready, so long as you shall remain a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week*, to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church.

Answer: By God's help I will endeavor so to do.

Minister: Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that He may accomplish His work which He hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Taking the candidate by the hand:

Minister: I receive and admit you (N) into the fellowship of this Brotherhood, and to share in all its privileges and duties. May you have grace to copy the example of the blessed Saint whose name we bear, in bringing many of your brethren to the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Receive and wear this emblem, and see that what you have promised with your lips you perform in your life, to the glory of God.

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;

Answer: But unto thy Name give the praise.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray (all kneeling).

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, bless these thy servants who have now been received, in thy holy name, into the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and grant that by thy grace they may lead a godly life in thy Church, and, faithfully laboring for the extension of thy Kingdom, may finally inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And now as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle St. Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfill thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Suggested closing hymns: 282, 393, 489 (1940 Hymnal).

SERVICE OF REDEDICATION

Many chapters each year on or about St. Andrew's Day, attend a regular church service and in a body reaffirm their fidelity to the objective and rules of the Brotherhood and rededicate themselves to the work of their parish

chapter. The following order of service is suggested for this purpose.

If this order is used at Morning Prayer it is suggested that it come immediately after the offertory. If it is used at the Holy Communion it might be used after the offertory or immediately after the conclusion of the service. In any event the rector or minister in charge will determine the place in the service where it is to be used.

Suggested hymns: 566, 563, 576, 560, (540-552).

The Minister shall say (all standing):

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an organization for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and boys by means of definite prayer and personal service.

If the service is for Seniors, the Minister shall say:

The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

The Rule of Service is to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week*, to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His **Church.**

> *Here if the service is for Juniors, the Minister shall use the following:*
>
> **The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.**
>
> **The Rule of Service is to take some part in the work, worship and study of the Church, and to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring other boys to do the same.**

If this service is to be used for both Seniors and Juniors at the same service, the Minister should rehearse the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service for Seniors to the Seniors; and the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service for Juniors to the Juniors.

Minister: Do you desire to continue your membership in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew?

Answer: I do.

Minister: Are you then persuaded that, according to the promise and vow made at your Baptism, you are pledged to service in the name of Jesus Christ until your life's end?

Answer: I am so persuaded.

Minister: Are you ready, so long as you shall remain a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men especially young men, and to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week,* to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church?

Answer: By God's help I will endeavor so to do.

> *Here if the service is for Juniors, the Minister shall use the following:*
>
> *Minister:* Are you ready, so long as you remain a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among boys, to take some part in the work, worship and study of the Church, and to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring other boys to do the same?
>
> *Answer:* By God's help I will endeavor so to do.

If this service is to be used for both Seniors and Juniors at the same service, the Minister should address the Seniors as shown above, and the Juniors as shown in the inset portion above.

Minister: Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that He may accomplish His work which He hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;

Answer: But unto thy Name give the praise.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray (all kneeling).

Minister: Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, bless these thy servants who have here signified their purpose to continue in thy holy service as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and grant that by thy grace they may lead a godly life in thy Church, and faithfully laboring for the extension of thy Kingdom, may finally inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And now as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer of dedication (*to be said by all*)

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; in which resolution, do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in knowledge and in love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

St. Andrew's Collect (*to be said by all*)

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling

of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfill thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing (*Minister*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

THE CANDLE CEREMONY IN THE CHANCEL

Various chapters of the Brotherhood have devised ceremonies which are of help in making their service of devotion more vital. The Candle Ceremony which originated in the Diocese of Michigan is so closely related symbolically with phases of Brotherhood work that it is here given in detail.

Following your opening devotions, have your candle ceremony in accordance with the plan set forth, remembering that Christ is the Light of the World, and that light through you is to be carried to others through prayer and service. The leader should follow some such plan as this:

With the two-branch candlestick (representing St. Andrew's Cross and the two principles on which any effective work for Christ is based) on the altar in front of him, the leader and the members of the chapter should rise. One member should be stationed at the electric switch, and when the leader says the words "death upon the cross" in the following ritual, the light should be extinguished. The leader then proceeds in accordance with the instructions in the ritual below.

The Ritual

Even as our Lord and Master Jesus Christ suffered death upon the cross that all who come after Him should have light, we here dedicate ourselves anew to the objective of the Brotherhood, the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men. We achieve this ob-

jective through power from God; we therefore light the candle of Prayer. (Here light the first candlestick.)

Members here repeat together the Rule of Prayer:

The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

Leader: To be worthy of this power we must share it with others; therefore we light the candle of Service. (Here light the second candlestick.)

Members here repeat together the Rule of Service:

The Rule of Service is to make *continuous* efforts, *week by week,* to bring men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church.

Leader: Let there be a minute of silent prayer, that we may seek God's blessing and help in carrying out these rules and achieving this objective.

After Silent Prayer—

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Members: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

All together repeat the Collect for St. Andrew's Day:

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle, St. Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfill thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The light should then be turned on, the candles extinguished.

SERVICE FOR THE INSTITUTION OF CHAPTER OR ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

If this service is to be used for the institution of Assembly officers, it is suggested that it be conducted by the Bishop of the diocese, if he is present, assisted by the rector of the parish or mission at which the Annual Meeting of the Assembly is held. In the absence of the Bishop, it is suggested that the Chaplain of the Assembly officiate.

If this service is to be used for the institution of Chapter officers, it should be conducted by the Rector of the parish or the Priest-in-charge.

Minister (or Presentor): Reverend Sir (Father in God,) I present unto you these persons to be installed as Officers of the.....
Chapter (Assembly) of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Bishop (or Institutor): Are you persuaded that these are fit persons to take charge of this Chapter Assembly?

Minister (or Presentor): I am so persuaded.

Bishop (or Institutor): (to new officers): Do you here in the presence of God and of this congregation, accept the responsibilities and duties imposed upon you by your respective offices?

Answer: I do.

Bishop (or Institutor): Will you earnestly and prayerfully endeavor to lead the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of this parish (diocese) in the fulfillment of the Brotherhood ideals, and work for the spread of Christ's Kingdom?

Answer: I will, God being my helper.

Bishop (or Institutor): Will you so conduct your own lives as to be fit examples for the men and boys with whom you come in contact, whether members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew or not?

Answer: Yes, by God's help.

Bishop (or Institutor): Receive authority, therefore, to perform the duties of the offices to which you have been elected, and may God grant you grace to do them well, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Bishop (or Institutor): Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop (or Institutor): Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;

Answer: But unto thy Name give the praise.

Bishop (or Institutor): The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, bless these thy servants who have here signified their purpose to serve as officers of this Chapter (Assembly) of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and grant that by thy grace they may lead a godly life in thy Church, and faithfully laboring for the extension of thy Kingdom, may finally inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O almighty and eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe thy blessing to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honor due thy dear Son, the spread of His Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold; give us grace to fulfil, in our lives, what we profess with our lips; deliver us, O God, from false doctrine and slackness of living; and grant that, persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Merciful Father, Whose blessed Son was lifted up, that He might draw all men unto Him, take away, we beseech Thee, from all who profess to be His disciples, whatever hinders the spread of His Kingdom. Arouse the indifferent,

lift up the fallen, strengthen the weak-hearted, bring back the wanderers, enlighten the ignorant, convert the wicked, and make the Gospel of thy Son known throughout the world. We pray Thee, O Lord, look down and bless all those that are over us in Thee, guide and strengthen all those in authority, both in Church and State. Unite all Christians, and prepare us all for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, to thy honor and glory. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Brotherhood Prayer (*to be said by all.*)

Almighty God, Who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR ST. ANDREW'S DAY

THE BROTHERHOOD PRAYER

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NOTE: It is an old custom of the Brotherhood that this collect for St. Andrew's Day is recited in unison wherever practicable.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

1. FOR THE BROTHERHOOD

O Almighty and eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe thy blessing to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honor due thy dear Son, the spread of His Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold; give us grace to fulfil, in our lives, what we profess with our lips; deliver us, O God, from false doctrine and slackness of living, and grant that, persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

2. FOR THE WORK OF THE BROTHERHOOD

O Lord, without Whom our labor is but lost, and with Whom thy little ones go forth as the mighty, we humbly beseech Thee to prosper all works in thy Church undertaken according to thy holy will, especially the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and grant to each member a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the blessedness of serving Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. FOR OUR CHAPTER'S WORK

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we earnestly ask for an outpouring of thy blessing upon our chapter and the work planned at this meeting. We would ask Thee increasingly to help each member in his appointed place, to do whatever may make for the winning of souls to Thee. Make us strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Make us holy in the sanctifying of our lives to thy service, that both by word and good example we may show forth thy glory and set forward the salvation of men. Draw us more closely to one another and to Thee, and enable us to bring others to thy love and service and to the knowledge and confession of their Lord. All of which we ask in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

4. FOR COURAGE IN BROTHERHOOD WORK

Grant, O Lord, that we and all others who are members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew may not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Strengthen us manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end: through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation. *Amen.*

5. FOR A BROTHERHOOD GATHERING

Almighty God, Who hast promised the power of the Holy Ghost to those who shall be true witnesses for Thee, bless, we humbly pray Thee, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and inspire its coming Convention (or Assembly meeting) with the spirit of power, of love and of a sound

mind. Strengthen its members to hold fast without wavering the confession of their hope; and joyfully, as good soldiers, to endure hardness, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6. FOR BROTHERHOOD LEADERS

Bless, O Lord, the officers of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the president, the other members of the National Council, the office and field secretaries, the officers of all assemblies and of all chapters, especially the officers of this chapter; give them grace and wisdom and strength to make and carry out great and thorough and effective plans for the spread of thy Kingdom; give them as ever clearer knowledge of Thyself; help them to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, so that, going forth in His strength, they may do their part toward bringing the world to Him, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

7. FOR THE BOYS' CHAPTER AND ALL THE BOYS IN THE PARISH

Most gracious Lord, we pray Thee bless the Boys' (or Young Men's Chapter) of the Brotherhood in our parish, and grant to its officers the wisdom and grace to direct it in accordance with thy holy will. Quicken, O Lord, in the hearts of its members, and in the hearts of all boys (young men) in the parish, the spirit of devotion. May they gladly seek the services and duties of thy holy Church, and by their example and zeal lead others to see the same privileges. Strengthen them in all good habits, teach them how to pray, and develop in them manliness and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

8. FOR A NEW WORK

O God, Who knowest that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves, but that all our sufficiency is of Thee; Assist us with thy grace in this work which we are about to undertake, direct us in it by thy wisdom, support us by thy power, that doing our duty diligently we may bring it to a good end, so that it may be profitable to many souls, and tend to the greater glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

9. FOR THE PARISH

Almighty Father, with Whom nothing is small that touches the glory of thy Son, or the souls of thy people, we beseech Thee to have this parish and its welfare in thy gracious remembrance. Help us so that faith may abound, and true religion flourish and increase; and make us all with one mind to serve and worship Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10. FOR YOUNG MEN

Almighty God, whose blessed Son didst take our nature upon Him, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps; look graciously with thy favor upon all young men in this parish, and make them to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with Thee their God. Give them grace to remember Thee now in the days of their youth, and to consecrate their strength to thy service; preserve them from the sins which easily beset them, and deliver them out of all temptation; keep them pure in heart, upright in life, and diligent in the work to which they have been called; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

11. FOR FAITHFULNESS

Almighty and everlasting God, implant within us thy holy will, that in our hearts we may faithfully retain it, and in our lives may devoutly show forth the same: that so thy Church, renouncing the vanities of the world, may be zealous to carry out in deed that truth which in word she confesses; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

12. A DEDICATION

Almighty and Everlasting God, in Whom we live and move and have our being: We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous and godly life; in which resolution, do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us, that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

13. FOR A NEW VISION

Lord, Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for the daring idealism in thy life and message which has always gripped the souls of young people. We thank Thee that hosts of youth throughout the centuries have sought to follow after Thee. Stir us, we pray Thee, Dear Master, with the knowledge that noble souls in unseen paths, in unknown ways, and through unheralded heroism, have vindicated thy faith in them. And we beseech Thee, inflame us with thy spirit that we too may be counted among those who strive to follow Thee, O Lord, our Leader and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

14. FOR WORK UNDERTAKEN

O God, we thank Thee for the blessed privilege of working for the extension of thy Kingdom. Bless Thou the work we undertake, that it may bear fruit unto Thee, holy, acceptable and well-pleasing in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

15. FOR BLESSING ON A MEETING

O God, Holy Spirit, we pray Thee to bless this meeting with thy presence and to enter into each of our hearts. Guide us in our work; give us an ever clearer knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and help us to do our part in bringing the world to Him, for His sake. *Amen.*

16. FOR THE CHURCH

O Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for thy Holy Catholic Church; that Thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

17. FOR MISSIONS

O Blessed Lord Jesus, Saviour of the world, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of thy people Israel, have pity on those

who know Thee not, on those who have forgotten Thee and on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in strange lands; visit them with thy salvation; hasten, we pray Thee the coming of thy Kingdom, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of thy Glory as the waters cover the sea; and may these our prayers be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our Strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

18. PRAYER OF IGNATIUS LOYOLA

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do thy will. *Amen.*

19. FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

20. PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose

ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

21. PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

O God, make us ever more anxious to serve and please Thee. Strengthen us in our purposes; guide us in our difficulties, so that trusting in the grace and power of Jesus Christ, we may follow Him more truly and bring many others to do the same. *Amen.*

22. FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; we beseech Thee to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men. Endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage to strengthen the weak and raise those who fall; that, being inspired by thy love, they may worthily minister in thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of Him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

23. FOR THE REUNION OF CHRISTENDOM

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. *Amen.*

24. A PRAYER FOR THE CHAPTER COMMUNION

O Lord, Holy Father, as we invite other men and boys to join with us in our Communion next Sunday morning, may our intentions be sincere and true, and may many others be led to come with us. May we all go to our Communion in true and reverent devotion and with real joy. Make us to realize the nearness of thy presence and

aid us to worship Thee in that Service with all our hearts and souls, that so we may receive a great and lasting blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. *Amen.*

25. A PRAYER FOR A SICK MEMBER

Almighty God, Who rulest all things in heaven and earth, we beseech Thee in behalf of . . . that it may please Thee to be with him in his sickness, to restore him to normal health and strength, and to help him to serve Thee all his days and be an instrument to thy glory. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

26. FOR DIVINE DIRECTION

O God, our Father, in Whom the past, present and future at best are but fragments of eternity, guide us with thy Holy Spirit that new opportunities for us in thy service may be found and many men won to loyalty to Thee and thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

27. A PRAYER FOR ALL WE LOVE

Almighty God, give us grace to trust to thy never-failing care and love those who are dear to us, for this life and the life to come; knowing that Thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

28. FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship Thee and serve Thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

29. FOR REST AND PEACE

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

30. FOR HELP AND GUIDANCE

Grant us, O Lord, in all our duties thy help, in all our perplexities thy counsel, in all our dangers thy protection, and in all our sorrows thy peace; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

31. MID-DAY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

Blessed Saviour Who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth thy loving arms; grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; through thy mercies and merits Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

32. FOR THE CLERGY AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

Heavenly Father, let thy gracious mercy and protection ever be with our rector, and his family, the members of our congregation, our families and our friends. May they and we never depart from thy love and favor, and may the members of this chapter ever draw nearer together in fellowship and understanding, and in oneness with Thee in Jesus Christ our Saviour, in Whose Name we make our requests unto Thee. *Amen.*

33. A PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE

O God, Whose love reacheth unto the ends of the world; Bless, we pray Thee, this diocese, and grant that all who share its benefits, may show forth thy glory by deeds and by gifts for the spread of thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

34. A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

O Eternal God, Who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst establish the family of thy Church in all the world, breathe upon it anew the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that awakening to thy command, it may go forth in lowly service and in conquering might to win mankind to the love of thy Name, through our only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

35. A PRAYER FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Almighty God, Who didst send thy Son into the world to be the King of Love, grant us, by our gifts and by our prayers, to be joined to thy servants who in far places are telling thy children of Him, till both we and those whom Thou hast given us shall be gathered about His throne, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

36. A PRAYER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE WORLD

Almighty God, make men to hate that which is evil in thought, word and deed; make them to love that which is good; make them to stand up for the right and the true, as brave soldiers of Christ; and day by day, make them faithful members of His Kingdom the Church, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

37. FOR BIBLE STUDY

Blessed Lord Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

38. FOR SPECIAL CHAPTER PROJECTS

O Lord, whose holy apostle has taught us that as members of thy body we all have our part to play in the whole life of thy Church, we thank thee for this work which thou hast given us to do together; and we pray thee to give us grace to persevere in it, and through it to serve thee to thy honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

39. FOR DILIGENCE IN BIBLE STUDY

O God, Who hast given us thy Word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, grant unto us to hear that Word and believe it, and to follow Thee patiently in humble faith, till we see Thee as Thou art; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

40. IN PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, the help of thy grace, that at this holy Sacrament we may bring all our thoughts and desires into subjection to thy blessed will, and may offer our souls and bodies a living sacrifice unto Thee, in union with the perfect sacrifice of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

41. FOR ACOLYTES

O Glorious King, before whose heavenly throne the angels stand to do thy will; Bless, we beseech thee, the Acolytes of thy Church, that ministering before thine earthly throne they may serve thee with reverence and true holiness, to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

42. THE HOLY COMMUNION

O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of thy passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

43. PRAYER AT A RETREAT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say to thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile; Grant, we beseech Thee, to thy servants now gathered together, so to seek Thee, that we may both find Thee and be found of Thee, and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in thy Name that they may not fall to the ground but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to the rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from thy perfect service, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

44. FOR EVERY MAN IN HIS WORK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens

and in the earth, deliver us, we beseech Thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which Thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants and to the benefit of our fellow-men, for the sake of Him Who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

45. FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Heavenly Father, let each of us now kneeling before Thee, find favor in thy sight. Give us a steady desire to please Thee and help us to overcome all temptation. Let us feel thy presence near us and the prompting of the Holy Spirit within us. We ask this for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

46. FOR THE CHILDREN

O Jesus Christ, the Lord of children, be near to all children's hearts today. In their pleasant play make them to remember thy holy childhood, and put away all self-loving thoughts and ways, all untruthfulness and disobedience, all angry words and deeds. Comfort them in all their troubles, which are known to Thee, and lead them on through pure and faithful lives to Thyself, thy children's home. *Amen.*

47. FOR A JOYFUL RELIGION

Almighty God, at Whose right hand are pleasures for evermore; we pray Thee to make our religion one of joy and brightness. Dispel from our minds all doubts and gloom, that as thy redeemed and forgiven children we may evermore rejoice. Grant that day by day our lips may be singing thy praises, and our hearts be gladdened in holy anticipation of the life that knows no ending; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

48. FOR A SENSE OF HIS PRESENCE

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire Thee with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may seek and find Thee, and so finding Thee we may love Thee, and loving Thee we may hate those sins from which Thou hast redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

49. PRAYER AT THE DEATH OF A BROTHERHOOD MEMBER

Almighty and Ever-lasting God, we bless Thee for all those who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, and especially those who have striven to fulfill thy will on earth through prayer and service. May their faith and works live after and follow them; may the light of thy presence and the glory of the life beyond be their great and everlasting reward, and cause us who still have opportunity here to be stirred by their example to greater and more faithful labor for Thee, to the glory of thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

50. FOR PURITY

Almighty God, Who by thy divine power hast given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness; grant that we fail not of Thine exceeding great and precious promises; but, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust, may be made partakers of the divine nature; through the knowledge of Him, that hath called us by glory and virtue, thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

51. FOR THE UNBAPTIZED

O Father, Who hast called all mankind to receive the adoption of sons through the cleansing waters of Holy Baptism, remove all obstacles to the fulfillment of thy purpose in every soul whom Thou hast made; that none may be kept back from the font of thy grace but that all that may come to receive the grace of thy Sacrament, and by the new birth of water and the spirit to enter upon their heavenly inheritance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

52. FOR THE TEMPTED AND DESPAIRING

Our Father, Who art present with thy children everywhere, grant unto those who are tempted and despairing a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Thyself. Enlighten the eyes of their understanding, that they may know the hope of thy calling, the rich glory of thy inheritance and the exceeding greatness of thy power toward all them that believe in the same our risen and triumphant Lord and Saviour, thy Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord. *Amen.*

53. FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

O God, Who art the Father of all mankind, we beseech Thee to give us a fuller realization of our brotherhood, man with man, in Thee; and to raise up among us a deeper sense of truth and equity in commercial dealings one with another. Give grace to all who are employed that they may do their work heartily as unto Thee and not unto man; to all employers that they may do what is just and equal, as having themselves a Master in heaven: to all that they may be united in the common service of the Lord Christ, and receive of Thee the reward of thine inheritance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

54. FOR VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, Who art blessed and dost govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

55. FOR COURAGE

O Thou, who art Heroic Love: Keep alive in our hearts the adventurous spirit which makes men scorn the way of safety, so that thy will be done. For so only, O Lord, shall we be worthy of those courageous souls who in every age have ventured all in obedience to thy call; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

56. FOR ALL IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

O Almighty Lord God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; Protect and assist, we beseech thee, all those who at home or abroad, by land, by sea, or in the air, are serving this country, that they, being armed with thy defense, may be preserved evermore in all perils; and being filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may do their duty to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE BROTHERHOOD HYMN

(566—1940 Hymnal)

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His clear voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me;"

As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store;
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,
Savior, make us hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

Amen.

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. . . Inaugurated the Men's Advent Communion

. . . Cooperating Agency of the National Council of the Episcopal Church

. . . Maintains a National Office

. . . House of Bishops Appoints Advisory Committee of Seven

. . . National Conventions Held Periodically

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